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<i>Title of the Invention:</i> BIOCONJUGATES AND DELIVERY OF BIOACTIVE AGENTS		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above continuation application, please enter the amendments summarized below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the paragraph found on the attached sheets before line 4 of page 1.

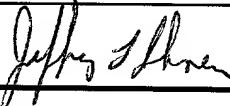
New Paragraph of the Specification at page 1, before line 4

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/202,328 filed on 22 October 1999, which is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/US97/14140 filed on 22 August 1997. The present application is further related to U.S. provisional patent applications Serial No. 60/024,430 filed on 27 August 1996 and Serial No. 60/025,036 filed on 27 August 1996, to which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to set forth proper reference to the parent application and related applications. It is believed that this amendment does not constitute new matter and its entry is requested.

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